

MR. LOMOY: Thank you, Madam Chair, and congratulations to the outgoing and incoming chairs.

Let me first echo what the Minister from Maldives said about the importance of seeing the climate challenges and the development challenges as a common challenge, as one united framework, and of course, we agreed in New York also before we ever went to Paris that we were going to see this as a common challenge.

Let me also echo Ambassador Tubiana's praise of this Group and the important role that it plays in following the common agenda we have.

This morning, the Norwegian government presented to parliament its budget for 2017 for the 10<sup>th</sup> year in a row. That proposal was that we would commit one percent of our gross national income to international solidarity. I think we are now only joined by Luxemburg in that exclusive club.

The government also said that it would continue to dedicate a substantive part of that international solidarity contribution to climate change. Our main effort there has been and will continue to be the red to red plus work with many of you, but clearly also providing substantive funding to the Green Climate Fund, and the aspirations of that could become a major financing mechanism, and the other international mechanisms that we have developed.

We also need to continue to remind ourselves that public funding is not going to be the sole source and the sole savior

here. Unless we also manage to mobilize substantive private funding, we're not going to succeed in this, so we must also continue on that effort to make sure we get the private sector on board. We see some very encouraging signs, both in our country and globally, but let's also focus on that as a continued effort. Thank you.